

FISCAL NOTE

HB 386 - SB 953

February 18, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the printing of paper ballots used in an election so as to distinguish candidates of different political parties by printing the names of candidates in different colors.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - \$360,000 (First Full Year)

Each general election ballot would have to be printed with at least three colors representing the two political parties and any independents. Approximately 750,000 paper ballots are printed for a statewide election. The cost of using three colors instead of one adds approximately \$240 to every 1,000 ballots purchased. (750,000 ÷ 1,000 = 750 x \$240 = \$180,000 per election)

NOTE: There are at least two statewide elections every two years and sometimes more for counties and municipalities.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director